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Director of Central Intelligence

Assistant Director for Reports and Estimates

Expansion of Coverage in China

1. The recall of diplomatic and consular officers from Communist China will terminate, in the near future, State Department and Service Attache reporting from this critical area.

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2. ONE has engaged in discussions with [ ] with a view to extending their collection capabilities to supply the coverage now accomplished by the State Department and Service Attaches. Satisfactory agreement has been reached with [ ] and it is believed that further negotiations with other [ ] divisions will produce similar results.

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3. Inasmuch as all overt sources in China will soon be removed, all collection in the area will have to be accomplished by [ ] means. There is a critical need for [ ] to expand its collection operations particularly in respect to the political, economic, and military fields of intelligence. [ ] has indicated that it is in a position to undertake an expansion of reporting along these lines. However, it is ONE's understanding that such an expansion by [ ] cannot be brought about without the approval of the Director of Central Intelligence.

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4. It is essential in my opinion that [ ] be authorized to extend its collection operations in China to provide the coverage [ ] needs for the production of accurate and timely intelligence reports and estimates on this area.

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5. It is, therefore, requested that you approve and transmit to the Assistant Director of Special Operations, the attached memorandum authorizing the expansion of [ ] responsibilities and operations as set forth above.

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6. In the event this extension of [ ] collection operations is approved, ONE will arrange with [ ] to develop the precise categories of reporting that will be necessary.

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